

## Editorial

# Introducing the Editorial Advisory Board

### 1. The role of the board

*World Patent Information* has an Editorial Advisory Board (EAB) which provides support to the editors in delivering to its readers an interesting, relevant and in depth journal of refereed articles, and related material. The full current list of members of the EAB is given on the inside cover of each issue of the journal and below we give short biographies of some of the current membership. We plan to follow this with a further set of biographies in the next issue.

The Editors are extremely grateful for the support given by the EAB. They assist in many ways including:

- stimulating the submission of articles by colleagues and contacts,
- suggesting topics and potential authors,
- refereeing articles submitted to the journal,
- suggesting books for review,
- ensuring that potential readers amongst their contacts are aware of the journal,
- alerting the editors to emerging new themes.

EAB members are located around the world and one EAB meeting is normally held each year, using the telephone conferencing facilities at Elsevier's offices in the UK to link in with as many members as possible abroad. In addition, informal discussions with Board members at conferences such as IPI-ConfEx (Southern Europe, March), PIUG Conference (USA, May), Patlib (Europe, May) and the EPO Patent Information Conference (Europe, October/November), help members and editors to keep in touch. These conferences are also opportunities for readers to make suggestions or to raise issues with the editors or EAB members.

### 2. The members



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**Paul Claus** (born 1936) has a Masters of Chemistry from the University of Louvain, Belgium. He held posts at the International Patent Institute in The Hague, Shell International Research Company, London and WIPO, Geneva. His career was almost totally in the area of industrial property documentation and information. He lectured at the many training courses and seminars organized by WIPO and advised many IP Offices of developed and developing countries on how to automate their administrative procedures. He was Associate Editor of this journal from 1999 to 2003, and continues to serve on its Editorial Advisory Board.



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*Rights... Unleashing the Knowledge Economy* (2001), also published in Chinese, and *Shaping the Future... A guide to IPR for the Indian Machine Tools Industry* (2005).



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